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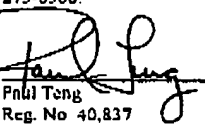
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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING CONNECTIONS OF PC CARDS AND A PASSIVE-CARD-ADAPTING CARD USED FOR CONNECTING ONE OF THE PC CARDS TO THE APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 3.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.

A new sheet of drawings for Figure 15 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.